GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1101
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015
PASSENGER FACILITIES IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have recently reviewed the conditions of trains and passenger facilities in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the amount allocated and spent by the Railways during the last three years and current year on development of railways, providing security in trains and railway complexes especially in extremist/terrorist affected areas, zone-wise;

(c) whether incidents of blasting of railway tracks by bombs has occurred in the country including Jharkhand in the recent past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1101 BY SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03. 2015 REGARDING PASSENGER FACILITIES IN JHARKHAND.

(a) Maintenance of coaches/trains is a continual process on Indian Railways. Coaches are maintained during their prescribed maintenance schedules at specified interval/frequency. Provision/augmentation/improvement to passenger amenities at stations as well as in trains is a continuous process.

(b) During last three financial years and current year, a total of `16765 crores have been allocated to Zonal Railways including railways covering area affected by extremist/terrorist for 'Passenger Amenities' and 'Security', out of which `14191 crores have been spent till the end of the January 2015.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) 6 cases of blasting of railway tracks by bomb occurred during 2014 and 1 case of blasting of railway tracks by bomb occurred during 2015 (till January) over Indian Railways, including Jharkhand. Policing on Railways is a State Subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases and their investigation in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the States concerned.

The District Police is responsible for the security of Tracks, Bridges and Tunnels of Indian Railways. However, the Railways through RPF supplements the efforts of GRP & Local Police by taking following measures:-

1. State authorities are advised for deployment of CAPF/ Local Police for area domination on either side of the railway track in sensitive and vulnerable section for the safety and security of railway tracks, bridges/tunnels etc. in accordance with guideline issued by MHA.
2. On receipt of intelligence inputs from IB and state intelligence agencies, advisory for taking necessary preventive measures such as can- cellation of trains/ restriction of speed limits/ running of pilot engines on track sections under threat are issued by the concerned Railway units.

3. Regular coordination meetings with Multi Agency Centre(MAC) is held daily at MHA and Subsidiary Multiagency Centers(SMAC) in State capitals on fortnightly basis for sharing of intelli- gence regarding threats to Railways including railway track.

4. Passenger carrying trains are running in bunch/ convoy form as far as possible. The Driver and the Guard of the trains move over the affected sensitive stations/ sections are equipped with high power Walkie-Talkie sets so that in case there is an incident of attack on the Train, the Guard and the Driver are able to establish instant communication with the nearby stations for necessary assistance.

5. Patrol Specials and Tower Vans are kept ready at vulnerable locations for speedy movement of RPF/GRP personnel in case of any eventuality.

6. An Integrated Security System consisting of electronic surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, access control, Anti-sabotage checks has been finalized to strengthen surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive Railway stations.